



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 407**

*January Session, 2001*

Substitute House Bill No. 6941

*House of Representatives, April 23, 2001*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF MEDICAL OR SURGICAL ERRORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) Each hospital licensed under chapter 368v of the general
- 2 statutes that is required to file reports of medical or surgical errors and
- 3 plans for the remediation of such errors with the Joint Commission on
- 4 the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations shall file a copy of all
- 5 such reports or plans with the Commissioner of Public Health.

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Public Health

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The state will incur FY 02 costs of \$139,187 to implement provisions in this bill. This sum includes costs of \$101,822 for the Department of Public Health to reflect the three-quarter year salaries of 1 Nurse Consultant, 1 Administrative Hearings Attorney II, and associated equipment and other expenses needed to allow the department to conduct additional investigations and prosecute cases brought to the attention of the department through the filing of reports of medical or surgical errors by hospitals. Also included is \$37,365 in associated fringe benefits costs.

In FY 03 and subsequent fiscal years costs associated with this initiative will be \$179,783 (\$129,963 in costs to the department and \$49,820 in associated fringe benefits costs).

No funding has been included within sHB 6668 (the FY 02 – 03 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) to implement this bill's provisions.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 6941

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ERRORS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires licensed hospitals that file medical or surgical error reports or plans with the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations to file a copy of them with the Department of Public Health. The commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization that evaluates and accredits health care organizations, including hospitals, in the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25      Nay 0